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GERMAN WRECKS BORDER BRIDGE

Man Who Asserts He Is Kaiser's
Officer Confesses to Dynam-
iting Says Police.

BETWEEN MAIN AND CANADA

Attempt to Destroy International
Railroad Span; Arrested
on American Side.

VANCEBORO, Me., Feb. 2.—An at-
tempt to destroy the railroad bridge
spanning the Crook river which forms
the international boundary line be-
tween eastern Maine and New Brun-
swick was made early today.

One of the three spans of the
structure was blown up by dynamite.
The attack on the bridge caused
great excitement on the New Brun-
swick side, where rumors of a German
plot spread rapidly and resulted in
an immediate investigation by the
provincial authorities.

Inquiry was also begun on this
side and this led to the arrest at a
local hotel of a man who gave his
name as Werner Van Horn. According
to police, the prisoner said he was an
officer in the service of Germany.
He refused to divulge his rank. The
police say he admitted that he ex-
ploded the dynamite under a section
of the bridge and that a dynamite
cap and a plan of the bridge were
found in his pockets. Van Horn said
he is 37 years old.

Under Close Guard.
The arrest was made by Sheriff
George Ross, who was accompanied
by a Maine Central Railroad de-
tective and two Canadian officers
from Macadam Junction, New Brun-
swick. He was removed to the United
States immigration room where he
was closely guarded. Deputy Sheriff
Ross notified the United States dis-
trict attorney at Portland asking for
instructions.

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BREAD INCREASE NOW INEVITABLE

Eastern Brokers Say One Cent Rise
in Price a Loaf Must Be Made On
Account of Grain Advance.

NEW YORK, Feb. 2.—Lending bak-
ers in a statement today said that a
raise in price of the ordinary five
cent loaf of wheat and rye bread to
six cents is inevitable because of dear-
er wheat and flour.

There are approximately 6,000,000
persons in the greater city and the
per capita consumption of bread per
year is figured at one barrel of flour.
As bakers are able to make 275
standard loaves out of each barrel of
flour, it is estimated an increase of
one cent a loaf would mean an ad-
ditional cost of \$16,500,000 to the peo-
ple of this city.

Mrs. Julian Heath, president of the
Housewives League, advised that the
average housewife, in view of the ex-
pansion, would do well to learn to
make use of corn meal, the price of
which, she says, has not gone up to
any appreciable extent.

CHICAGO, Feb. 2.—Members of the
Master Bakers' association planned to
meet today to decide the size of buns,
doughnuts and other baking products
to sufficiently cover the loss on bread
if that commodity is not increased in
price. The larger bakers who have
been able to maintain the five cent
loaf because of quantities of flour
they purchased on contract at much
lower prices than the prevailing mar-
ket quotations predicted that before
the end of the week the price of
bread will go to six cents.

OHIO IS ON RAMPAGE

River Continues to Rise; Many Driv-
en From Homes; Thousands Out of
Employment.

PITTSBURGH, Feb. 2.—The Ohio
river passed the 24-foot stage at 7 a.
m. today and continued to rise at the
rate of six inches an hour. Great
blocks of ice were swept out of the
Allegheny and reports from upstream
points indicated that much water was
yet to come from that watershed.

The Monongahela river was station-
ary but flooded streams in northern
West Virginia have only commenced
to put out water and it will not reach
here until night.

Scores of families in the lower
wards of the old city of Allegheny to-
day moved from their flooded houses.
Warm rains continue.

MARTIN'S FERRY, O., Feb. 2.—
Four thousand men have been thrown
out of employment here because of the
flood in the Ohio river. The gauge
showed 47 feet at noon, with many
manufacturing plants in this section
partly under water.

MRS. F. M. WILLIAMS AGAIN
HEAD OF MISSIONARY SOCIETY

TEXARKANA, Ark., Feb. 2.—Mrs.
F. M. Williams of Hot Springs, was
re-elected president of the Woman's
Missionary conference of Arkansas
here today. Warren, Ark., was se-
lected for the next annual conven-
tion.

NOW THE GET MAN'S TOP HAT.

CHICAGO, Feb. 2.—The
fashionable lines and underclothing
of the open hat, which
heretofore has been man's ex-
clusive possession, have proven
too strong a lure for purvey-
ors of women's styles. The
latest novelty on display to-
day at the convention here of
the National Association of
Milliners which it is expected
will be worn much by women
of this year is a high hat fea-
tured by the open top.
Hats are going to be more
expensive if other styles dis-
played are followed.

IS JUDICIAL MURDER

German Paper Indignant Over Execu-
tion of Two Subjects in Morocco;
French Broke Word.

BERLIN, via London, Feb. 2.—In-
dignation is expressed by the news-
papers generally over the execution of
Karl Eike and Hans Grunander in Mo-
rocco on charges of treason preferred
by the French. The papers term the
execution "judicial murder." They
assert the offense alleged, if commit-
ted at all, was committed long be-
fore the death sentence was passed and
must have been prior to the out-
break of the war when the death pen-
alty was not in force.

A dispatch from Berlin, Jan. 31
stated it was officially announced
there that Eike and Grunander had
been executed in spite of the fact that
the French resident general in Mo-
rocco had assured the American charge
of affairs at Tangier that the death
penalty would not be inflicted until
an appeal had been acted upon by
President Poincaré of France.

GERMANY CHOKED BY ENGLISH GAG

Great Britain's Admiralty Leader Says
Treaties Will Wear Heart Out in
Attempt to Break Navy's Cordon.

PARIS, Feb. 2.—For the first time
in history England can say "the sea
is free," declared Winston Churchill,
great Britain's first lord of the ad-
miralty in an interview with Hughes
Le Ross, editor of the Matin.

In the days when you and we
fought each other," he continued, "our
most important victories never brought
us security comparable with that
which we enjoy today. Even after
Trafalgar, we knew nothing like it.
"Supposing Germany has friendship
and relations in South America,
how can help reach her from them
now? There remains the United States
policy. I believe there hesitated, per-
haps in bestowing its sympathies, but
at the present moment it is fully un-
derstood. We shall arrange to take pre-
cautions fully compatible with the
rights of belligerents and the respect
due to neutrals.

"Our adversary, perhaps, can obtain
a few supplies from Turkey and Asia
Minor. I cherish no illusions, for as
long as there are neutrals a complete
blockade must be a chimera. But while
you and we breathe freely, thanks to
the sea, we have kept, and can keep,
open Germany is like a man throat-
led with a heavy gag. You know
the effect of such a gag when action is
necessary.

"The effort wears out the heart and
Germany knows it. This pressure
shall not be relaxed until she gives
up unconditionally, for even if you
of France and if our ally, Russia, should
decide to withdraw from the struggle,
which is inconceivable, we English
would carry on the war to the bitter
end.

"The action of a navy necessarily is
slow, but the pressure it exercises on
an adversary is unrelenting. Compare
it to the forces of nature, to the in-
extinguishable grip of winter and re-
member that it is a stress nothing can
relax."

NO ONE TO TAKE IT

Ratiff Now Says That Is the Reason
He Does Not Turn His Office Over
to Some Other Person.

"There is no one for me to turn
the office over to," was the comment
today of Clifton Ratiff, incumbent
of the office of register of deeds which
the consolidation act seemingly would
merge with the office of county clerk.
The occasion of the remark was a
discussion of Ratiff's position in re-
fusing the demand made by M. Cor-
nellius, county clerk for the records of
Ratiff's office.

"I can not, under my bond, turn
over the office," said Ratiff, "under
this act. If I am legislated out of
office, I will turn it over, but it is
up to the supreme court to pass on
the law."

Cornelius takes the position that
he was elected to the office of county
clerk and that the passage of this
act simply puts the added duties on
him.

FIGHTING METHODIST OF TEXAS DEAD AT DALLAS

DALLAS, Tex., Feb. 2.—Dr. George
C. Rankin, editor of the Texas Chris-
tian Advocate, known among south-
ern Methodists as "the fighting Meth-
odist of Texas," and one of the lead-
ers in Texas state-wide prohibition
movements, died suddenly here today.
Death was due indirectly to an at-
tack of indigestion two weeks ago.
Dr. Rankin was 65 years old and
was born in Banderidge, Tenn. He
became a Methodist circuit rider in
1870, afterwards holding pastorates
in North Carolina, Georgia, Missouri
and Texas. He left a widow and six
children.

HOUSE HAS OIL BILL UP TODAY

Conservation Measure Is Meet-
ing Opposition Among
the Producers.

EWING WANTS TO RAISE TAX

Abney Measure to Stop Fortune
Telling Was Passed in
the House Today.

The oil conservation bill and the
workmen's compensation act are at the
head of today's agenda in the house
for consideration in committee of the
whole and are scheduled to be reached
during the afternoon.

Many members of the legislature
view these bills as the most important
at this session. A hard fight is ex-
pected to be made on some of the pro-
visions of the oil conservation meas-
ure, as some of the big operators are
opposed to features of the bill re-
stricting production.

A bill of interest in the oil men as
well as to many others was reported
from the committee on revenue and
taxation this morning with the re-
commendation that it be printed for con-
sideration. It is designed to take the
place of the general revenue act which
was declared unconstitutional by the
state supreme court because of a mix-
up over adjustment of the 1913 leg-
islature. Included in its provisions is
one providing for a gross production
tax on oil of three-fourths of one per
cent.

Representative Abney Ewing of
Oklahoma stated today that he will
fight to have the oil tax raised to 2 per
cent in the bill and to have some pro-
visions eliminated which he says are
"jokers."

Picture Bill Meets Snag.
The Abney bill prohibiting fortune
telling in Oklahoma passed finally in
the house this morning with but
few votes registered against it.

A large number of the members who
favored the bill refused to vote for
the emergency making it immediately
effective as soon as approved by the
governor. They took the position that
there was sufficient time to seek other
occupations and adjust themselves to the
situation.

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FOOD SEIZURES BRITISH PLAN

England Notifies United States That
Cargo to Germany, Austria or Tur-
key Will Be Taken as Contraband.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 2.—Great Brit-
ain notified the United States today,
though not officially, that foodstuffs
of any kind destined for Germany,
Austria or Turkey would be regarded
as contraband of war.

The action of the British govern-
ment is based on the recent German
decree, whereby that government will
take over all grain in Germany for
common use.

Because the steamer Wilhelmus
sailed from New York for Bremen
before the issuance of the decree, it
is understood her cargo of food for
German civilians will be paid for and
appropriated by the British govern-
ment and the ship allowed to go free.
But hereafter food laden ships
sailing from the United States di-
rectly for German ports or for neu-
tral ports in Europe where it appears
that the cargo may ultimately reach
Germany, will be subject to seizure
outright, ship and cargo, without com-
pensation.

The state department now is con-
sidering this latest announcement of
the British government but so far has
not committed itself.

GERMANY HAS SUFFICIENT TO EAT DECLARS EXPERT

BERLIN, via Wireless to Sayville,
Feb. 2.—A statistician on the Ber-
liner Tageblatt has added figures
with the object of showing that Ger-
many is in little danger of being
starved out in the present war. As
a result of the new German bread and
flour regions, the compiler points out,
less than four million tons of rye
and wheat will be required for bread
up to the middle of August. Last
year's harvest, he said, amounted to
14,500,000 tons, of which 51,500,000
tons were deducted for seed. This
leaves 13,000,000 tons at the begin-
ning of the war not including the
grain on hand from the 1913 harvest.

WILL WITHDRAW FEDERAL TROOPS FROM ARKANSAS

WASHINGTON, Feb. 2.—Federal
troops sent to enforce the orders of
the federal court in the Hartford Val-
ley, Arkansas, coal region, after trou-
ble in a mine strike will be drawn in
the near future, Attorney General
Gregory reported to President Wilson
today that conditions were rapidly im-
proving and he had reports from his
agents that the miners probably would
work the mines under a co-operative
arrangement.

WOMAN SUFFRAGE SCORES VICTORY IN ARKANSAS SENATE

LITTLE ROCK, Ark., Feb. 2.—
Women's suffrage scored a victory in
Arkansas when the senate by a
vote of 28 to 12 declared in favor
of submitting the question to the
state at large. Opposition to the
bill came chiefly from those who still
feared the addition of negro
women to the voting lists. The bill
now goes to the house.

Day In Congress.

SENATE.
Democrats resumed their resumed
fight for administration ship bill.
HOUSE.
Debate resumed on oil bill.

War at a Glance

Germany's Germanic War
The war front has been in the West
since the fighting of the war in the
East. An official statement from
Petrograd today said that the Rus-
sians succeeded in carrying the Rus-
sians in the region of Sochinsk
and Rostov, near the Caucasus
about 10 miles west of Moscow, but
said that the German success was
of small importance compared with
the success that enabled them to
be described as enormous. It was
less than a mile long, more than 6,000
Germans are said to have been killed
in a week. The Russian charged the
captured trenches with bayonets and
Petrograd reports that they succeeded
in winning back a large part of them.
The battle for possession of the
Caucasian passes continues without
definite success for either the Russians
or the Austrians.

Winston Spencer Churchill, first
lord of the admiralty, is quoted as
having said on account of England's
control of the sea, Germany was
"like a man throttled with a heavy
gag," and that "the effort wears out
the heart and Germany knows it."

The report from the German war
office today makes no mention of an
offensive movement on a large scale
along the Warsaw front. It asserts,
however, that progress is being made
in that region.

As for a few attacks by small
bodies of German infantry which are
currently produced as result of note,
yesterday's fighting in the west was
chiefly with artillery. The German
war office accused the French military
authorities of falsifying their official
communications which they character-
ized as distorting the truth and be-
ing, in some particulars, "free inven-
tions."

A dispatch from Tabriz, Persia, says
the Turks left 1,000 dead behind them
in their retreat from the Russian
forces, which occupied the city.

WAR NOT NEEDED ITALIAN'S PLEA

Former Premier Explains Friendship
For Germany and Says Italy Can
Gain By Remaining Neutral.

ROME, Feb. 2.—Giovanni Giolitti,
former premier, is trying to discredit
reports that he had agreed with
Prince Von Buelow, the German am-
bassador that Italy must maintain its
neutrality at all costs.

To accomplish this purpose, a let-
ter written by him to a deputy has
been published here. In this letter
Giolitti says he has known
Prince Von Buelow many years and
has high esteem for his talents and
character. He always found the dis-
tinguished German a friend of Italy,
although naturally placing the inter-
ests of his own country first. When
the prince lived in Rome as a private
individual the former premier says,
he went to see him often. Since he
has been here as ambassador they
have exchanged visits, but discussed
the war only accidentally without
touching upon the attitude of Italy.

In closing his letter Signor Giolitti
says he considers war a misfortune to
be faced only when necessary for
honor, or the great interests of the
country. He does not consider it
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CEREMONIES AT CAPITAL AT EXPOSITION OPENING

WASHINGTON, Feb. 2.—Formal
opening of the San Francisco ex-
position February 20 probably will be
celebrated with ceremonies in the cap-
ital rotunda at Washington at which
President Wilson is to speak. Tentative
plans also include the raising of
flags at a telegraphic signal in every
capital and the insular possessions.

SALE OF TEN CENT LOAVES OF BREAD STARTED IN TEXAS

WICHITA FALLS, Tex., Feb. 2.—
Some local bakers today discontinued
making five-cent loaves of bread.
They began the sale of twenty-cent
loaves for ten cents.

THE WEATHER

Washington Forecast.
Oklahoma—Tonight and Wednesday
generally cloudy, warm tonight in west
portion; warmer Wednesday.
Arkansas—Tonight fair, colder in east
portion; Wednesday fair, warmer.
East Texas—Tonight fair, warmer in
west portion, frost in southeast portion,
mostly to coast; Wednesday generally
cloudy, warmer.
West Texas—Tonight increasing cloudi-
ness, warmer; Wednesday unsettled,
generally rainy.

Generally cloudy weather tonight and
Wednesday; slowly rising temperature.

7 a. m. 26
8 a. m. 26
9 a. m. 26
10 a. m. 26
11 a. m. 26
12 noon 26
1 p. m. 26
2 p. m. 26
3 p. m. 26
4 p. m. 26

The storm to center over the Ohio
valley this morning and is moving slowly
westward. It has caused general precipi-
tation in the Missouri, middle and up-
per Mississippi, Tennessee and Ohio
valleys, lake region and Atlantic dis-
tricts. The rainfall has been heavy to
excessive along the middle and north
Atlantic coast. Another storm of ex-
ceptional intensity is central off the Ore-
gon coast and is giving warm, cloudy
weather, with general rains, west of the
Rocky mountains. It is quite cold in the
Missouri and upper Mississippi valleys
and lake region. Moderate temperatures
prevail in other sections of the country.

BILL AGREEMENT NOW IS SOUGHT

Democratic Caucus Appoints
Committee to Negotiate With
Boilers and Republicans.

MEANS RE WILL PASS—WILSON

Amendments Are Considered
Which Are Hoped Will As-
sure Its Safety.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 2.—With a
show of seeking terms on a ship pre-
sented, Republicans would support
the ship bill and to confer with Demo-
crats who failed yesterday the Demo-
cratic caucus appointed a committee
of three to conduct negotiations and
report at another caucus tonight.

While the Democrats continued to-
day to reorganize their shattered lines
and renew the fight for the ship bill,
President Wilson conferred with pro-
gressive Republican senators seeking a
basis to make a bill agreeable to both
sides to fill the gap caused by the
sudden defection of some Demo-
cratic votes in yesterday's sensational
vote.

The strong possibility of a basis of
compromise was that a declaration of
principle might be incorporated in the
bill, saying the government intended
to buy no ships which would involve
controversies with European belliger-
ents, but that it would be framed
as not to surrender any of the rights
of the United States.

Scarcely had the caucus begun when
Senator La Follette, progressive Republi-
can, upon whom the Democrats are
counting for support, appeared outside
the conference room and discussed the
situation with administration leaders.
That the bill would be amended most
of the Democrats seemed ready to
concede.

Democrats Absent.

Seven of the Democrats who voted
with the Republicans yesterday did not
attend the caucus. They were Bank-
head, Camden, Clarke, Hardwick, Hitch-
cock, O'Gorman and Vandaman.

Senators Hoke Smith and Bryan,
however, who voted to have Vice Pres-
ident Marshall's ruling declaring out
of order Senator Clarke's motion to re-
consider, were present.

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WHEAT PASSES CORNER PRICE

Urgency of Export Demand Causes
Grain to Reach Unusual Notation;
Liverpool Action Excites Traders.

CHICAGO, Feb. 2.—Wheat raced
upward in price today, first sales
showing a jump of as much as 3 3/4c
a bushel. The May delivery touched
1.90, the top figure to which the mar-
ket went in the famous deal by
James A. Patten in 1909.

Extraordinary rises in quotations at
Liverpool excited wheat traders here.
C. H. Canby, president of the Chicago
board of trade, said the Liverpool
prices were probably due to an ad-
vance in war risk insurance and to
fear that submarine attacks would
hinder the arrival of British sup-
plies and make shipments from other
countries to Great Britain more diffi-
cult.

On a second strong swell, the mar-
ket swept upward in the last hour to
1.94 for May, a gain of 7 3/4c a bushel
compared with last night.

Transactions in the May option be-
came so hazardous that the bulk of
trading shifted to the July delivery.
Urgency of export demand overruled
every other influence. It was said
that sales to the Italian government
alone in the last 24 hours amounted
to 1,000,000 bushels.

Still another cent was piled on the
cost of wheat just as the day came to
an end. The market closed feverish
at the 1 1/2p prices of the session
with May at \$1.95, making the gain
from last night 8 1/2c.

ST. LOUIS, Feb. 2.—The highest
price for May wheat recorded in St.
Louis since the civil war was posted
at the Merchants' Exchange today.
The market reached 1.57 1/2c.

ACTORS NEED SPIRITUAL SUPPORT SAYS CARDINAL

NEW YORK, Feb. 2.—The Catholic
actor's guild of America was granted
ecclesiastical recognition by Cardinal
Farley at an audience attended last
night by a dozen actors and actresses,
members of the guild.
Cardinal Farley, who, it is said, is
the first member of the Sacred Col-
lege to address a group of actors, en-
countered them that they must not
think he was placing his episcopal
seal of approval upon the theater.
"One thing that gives me great con-
solation," the cardinal said, "is that
actors of this city come to feel the
need of spiritual support."

ITALY'S WHEAT PURCHASES BREAK PREVIOUS RECORDS

NEW YORK, Feb. 2.—Purchases of
American wheat for Italian consumption
and shipped out of this port in De-
cember 21 to December 31 last, made
public today by Chief Statistician
Lant, surpassed similar
exports to any other country and were
the heaviest in any like period since
buying on account of the European
war became a factor.
Italy's shipments aggregate 1,365,
200 bushels against 820,350 bushels
sent to The Netherlands, the next big-
gest purchaser. England was the third
in wheat purchases, totalling 267,680
bushels.

CHICAGO TO EXAMINE SPEEDERS FOR SANITY.

CHICAGO, Feb. 2.—Chicago
speakers who appear in the
speakers' outfit for violation of
automobile ordinances will be
sent to the psychiatric labo-
ratory for test of their sanity.
According to a press statement
of the police department today
of the city.
"You can't tell 'em that any
more," said a police officer.
"They know they're wrong."
"Middle forty miles through a
crowded street is no joke," said
a police officer.
"They said 'The fine is \$500'
and such a thing as a fine of
\$500 is not punishment."

PARLIAMENT OPENED

Premier Asquith Tells Labor Members
That Food Question Is Being Con-
sidered Carefully.

LONDON, Feb. 2.—Parliament
opened today after a recess for the
house of commons since November 25
and for the house of lords since Janu-
ary 8. Members dispensed with cere-
monies and plunged at once into busi-
ness.

The house of commons had an empty
appearance. Some 200 of the 470
members are now at the front.
Replying to a question put by George
Nicol Barnes, labor member for Glas-
gow, whether the government was con-
sidering the matter of fixing food
prices, Premier Asquith said:

"All these matters are being care-
fully reviewed."
The committee now having the mat-
ter in hand, the premier continued
was receiving full information from
the various departments of the gov-
ernment but he could not say when the
inquiry would be concluded.

NEEDS NO LAW
TO NAME TOWNS

Committee Reported Favorably Today
on Measure Which Will Make
Chicken Stealing a Felony.

The house this morning voted to
overrule a committee report that a
bill by Representative Childers of Gar-
field county requiring that railroad
companies make the names of their
stations conform to the names given
to the postoffice by the federal gov-
ernment should not go to calendar.

Childers objected to having the bill
killed in this manner and moved that
the bill be printed and placed on
the calendar. Representative Durant
declared that the bill was entirely un-
necessary, as the corporation commis-
sion has full authority to handle such
matters and had caused the change of
name of a station in his county to con-
form with that of the government
postoffice. Representative Ewing de-
clared that he as a member of a sub-
committee visited the corporation com-
mission and was told by a member
of that body that the commission
had absolute authority to handle such
matters and that legislation is un-
necessary.

Representative Childers stated that
Commissioner George Henshaw was
asked to appear before the committee
and that he secured the impression
from Mr. Henshaw's remarks that
such legislation is necessary. The bill
follows the Texas law.

Representative Durant charged that
Childers desired the law solely for
the benefit of a town in Garfield
named Douglas, which Durant said
refused to take any other name than
Douglas under any circumstances.

A house-stalling committee report
ed favorably the bill by Feely of Ok-
lahoma county making chicken steal-
ing a felony and also reported favor-
ably the "Home Ownership" bill which
has been passed by the senate, and
the Bryant bill authorizing the free
distribution of anti-typhoid for dip-
theria.

New bills introduced in the house
were: By Powell, requiring the state
auditor to give a bond of \$100,000; by
Testerman, appropriating \$50,000 for
establishment of a brown factory at
Stillwater; by Powell, amending the
law relative to fees charged for trans-
porting prisoners to the penitentiary;
by Thummond, creating a lien on cot-
ton seed for the ginning and baling of
the same.

WOMAN MAY BE INDICTED WHITE SLAVE CONSPIRATOR

WASHINGTON, Feb. 2.—The fed-
eral white slave act was interpreted
today by the supreme court as author-
izing the indictment of a woman,
transported in violation of the law as
a conspirator with the person who
caused her to be transported.
Justice Holmes, announcing the
court's opinion, intimated a woman
could be indicted also if she engaged
in conspiracy to have herself trans-
ported with a view to blackmail.

MINOR DISTURBANCES CONTINUE AT A